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TITLE:	WEED REMOVAL TOOL		

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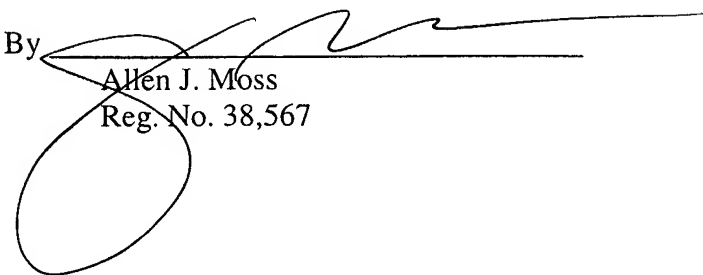
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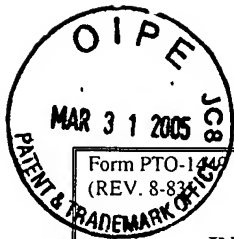
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		5,490,374	02/13/1996	Calande			
		4,090,730	05/23/1978	Zeigler			
		2,352,320	06/27/1944	Hatch			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
		GB 600,457	04/09/1948	Great Britain			Yes	
		DE 38 15 988 A1*	11/23/1989	Germany			Yes	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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